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Harold Stowe re-elected to lead EOC



EDITOR'S NOTE: *The EOC held a full committee meeting February 11, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 433, Blatt Building. The election of chair occurred at this meeting.*

Columbia – Harold Stowe, a businessman from Pawley's Island, has been re-elected to a second term as Chairman of the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC). Stowe was appointed to the EOC in 2001 and has served as the committee's chair since February 2006.

From May of 2006 until July of 2007, Stowe served as Interim Dean of the Wall College of Business at Coastal Carolina University. Until March 2005, Stowe worked for Canal Industries and its successors, serving as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1997 to 2005. He began his professional career in 1970 with North Carolina National Bank, a predecessor of Bank of America, in Charlotte, NC. He later worked as Treasurer of Springs Industries in Fort Mill and as Executive Vice President of The Springs Company in Lancaster.

Stowe serves as a board member of numerous business organizations and is a board member of several non-profit organizations including the Waccamaw Community Foundation, the Smith Medical Clinic, the Myrtle Beach Air Base Redevelopment Authority, and Baskersville Outreach, Inc. He is a past board member of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the Palmetto Business Forum, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Business Advisory Council, and the Palmetto AgriBusiness Council.

Stowe is a member of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in Pawley's Island, where he is the Treasurer and a Vestry member.

Stowe received his bachelor's degree in commerce from Washington & Lee University in 1968 and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School in 1970.

Stowe and his wife Claudia have three children: Crosby, Blair, and Patrick.

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